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**From:** Dale Mahlum [mal51732@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2012 2:08 PM  
**To:** Murdo, Patricia  
**Subject:** Re: reminder on explanation of Board of Horseracing finances

Hello Pat---The request for this information will have to be handled by Director Christian MacKay as I was not involved or on the board of the MBOHR until March of 2012 when asked to be a member of the board, then elected chairperson at our first meeting. As I am now looking back there were many issues of funding that perhaps was not quite astute. I lay the blame on no one, just some erroneous errors all along the way. The Department of Livestock took over the job and frankly, I think did a good job of running a very complex agency.

In the future it will be run like a business mindful of the dollars and cents and where they go , but never spending what we do not have in the bank. We shall do all we can that is legislated to do for the horse industry within the monies which are earned through simulcast facilities. We are basically starting from the beginning and shall modestly work our way up. We have a nucleus of premiere simulcast sites now up and running, thanks to many people working together to this end. I am now seeing a somewhat "dim" light at the end of the tunnel, but it will get brighter as we go along. We have only to rise up in our industry---give us a chance, we know where we must rise up to and we will.

Respectfully submitted on 7 June 2012

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Hi - Just a reminder of the Economic Affairs Committee's request for an explanation of how the Board of Horseracing ran into all of its financial troubles. I'm attaching the letter that went out May 1.

This can be part of the update at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 11. Thank you!  
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